OBITUARIES

S. H. Layne

FARMVILLE, Nov. 30 —Spencer Hatcher Layne, 73, a retired Charlotte county farmer, died on Thursday at his home near Cullen.

He was a member of Spring Creek Baptist Church and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marion Allen Layne; five daughters, Mrs. Virginia L. Nash, of Salem; Mrs. Ruth Ferguson, of Farmville, Mrs. Florence L. Pierce, of Henderson, N. C., Mrs. Roberta L. Willis, of Church Hill, Tenn., and Miss Gloria Layne, of Cullen.

Also, 12 sons, Spencer H. Layne Jr., of Lock Haven, Pa., Louis A. Layne, of Danville, Elbert A. Layne, of Boston, Carol D. Layne, of Pamplin, Samuel E. and Paul O. Layne, both of Lynchburg, Floyd A. Layne of Albertson, N. Y., Billy A. and Fred C. Layne, both of Farmville, and James M. Norman P. and Nelson G. Layne, all of Cullen.

Also, a sister, Mrs. Gracie L. Garrison; two brothers, Paul A. and Rasha D. Layne, all of Cullen and 36 grandchildren.

a funeral service fas held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Spring Creek Baptist Church, Darlington Heights, with burial in the church cemetery.

Wilbur A. Higgins

HARRISONBURG — Wilbur Alvin Higgins, 48, a resident of the Hinton community, died late Friday in Lost City, W. Va.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Madeline Bingham Higgins; two sons, Bingham Wilbur Higgins, a student at Bridgewater College, and Frank D. Higgins, of Hinton.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Chapel of Lindsey, Harrisonburg Funeral Home. Burial was in East Lawn Memorial Gardens in Harrisonburg.

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Mrs. Ora McCracken

Mrs. Ora Inez McCracken, 77, widow of W. E. McCracken formerly of Prospect, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the home of a son in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was a member of the Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginners and Firemen, Williamson, W. Va.

Surviving are a son, Ernest, of Cincinnati; three daughters, Mrs. W. R. O'Neal, of Williamson, W. Va., Mrs. George Fenton, of West Jefferson, Ohio, and Miss Doris McCracken, of Cincinnati; three sisters, Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Flat Rock, N. C., Mrs. S. N. Hurst, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. L. P. Kirk, of St. Albans, W. Va.; 13 grandchildren and 17 great - grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday at Collins Funeral Home, Farmville, with interment in the cemetery of Prospect Methodist Church.

Bus Damaged By Turkeys

Driver Dean Leroy Roberts was tooling his big Greyhound bus toward Richmond Saturday, Nov. 24, when three wild turkeys flew out in front of him.

Roberts, of Richmond, was unable to stop his bus in time to avoid the birds.

One of them came crashing through the windshield, showering broken glass down the aisle. A second struck the front of the bus.

Neither Roberts nor his 17 passengers were injured in the mishap just south of South Hill on interstate 85 in North Carolina.

Roberts is married to the former Miss Louise Richardson, daughter of the Walter Richardsons of the Piney Ridge Community, Appomattox County.

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A 1962 production of about 105,000 pounds for Virginia has been estimated by the Virginia Crop Reporting Service of the United States and Virginia Agriculture Departments.

This figure is 4 per cent higher than in 1961 but slighly below the average for the Virginia market for the past 10 years.

Tobacconists at Farmville predict yield and quality will be about the same as last year's. Prices should be somewhat higher because of a raise in government supports, from 81 to 83 in 46 of the crop's 64 grades, they say.

The support price for all grades is expected to average about $39.02 this year, compared with $38.06 last year. The seasonal price average for 1961 was $37.87.

The dark - fired leaf is grown in a 26-county area of Virginia. The leaf is used mainly for pipe, cigar and chewing tobacco blends.

Marvin Inge, Sr., a Blackstone warehouse owner, said, "The crop looks pretty good, and we hope to do better this year." Inge said that there is just a possibility of a better overseas market for dark tobacco.

He said reports have been received that cigaret smokers in England are changing over to pipe smoking because some doctors there have said that cigaret smoking induces lung cancer. Practically all of the dark tobacco sold on Blackstone floors is shipped overseas.

The three markets will close December 18 for the Christmas break, and reopen on January 7.

Fire Alarm

A field fire called out local firemen Saturday, Nov. 24, according to fire chief Ned Hancock. The fire was located near House's Esso Service Station and the golf course on Route 460 west. It was quickly extinguished, Hancock said.

4-H Public Speaking Contest Planned

Public speaking contests for both junior and senior 4-H Club members will be held in Appomattox County on Saturday, Mar. 16, 1963. Junior division members are those under 14 years of age on January 1, 1963; senior members are those 14 or over on this date.

Requirements of the contest are that the talks must be oriental and that the time is preferably from 5 to 7 minutes for Senior club members and from 3 - 5 minutes for junior members.

Practically any topic may be used for the speech. Some suggested topics are: **4-H Work Contributes to Good Citizenship**, or **My 4-H Project.** Add'ional suggests may be obtained from the Extension agents.

A standard 4-H Public Speaking Score Card will be used in judging the talks.

The boy and the girl winning in the senior division will represent Appomattox County in the district contest in Farmville. Other awards are available in both junior and senior divisions.

If you plan to participate in this contest, you must notify the Extension agents no later than the February 4-H Club meetings. **County-Wide 4-H Demonstration Day.**

A good 4-H demonstration is time consuming and difficult to prepare. Since county - wide demonstration contest day will be held March 9th, now is the time to begin work on your demonstration. You must have completed one year in a given project and or be enrolled in the project this year to enter a contest. Suggestions or assistance may be gotten from the Extension agents' office.

Gideon Will Speak At Sunday School

A member of the Gideons Society is scheduled to speak during the Sunday School hour at Liberty Baptist Church, it was announced by the pastor. This is a part of the observance of Universal Bible Sunday, Dec. 9.

Beta Club

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mary Lou Jamerson. Evenna Moore led in devotions, after which, Gaynell Martin, the secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Immediately following the reports from various committees, we had a business session. In this session, we discussed the coming Beta Convention. Comment were also made about a Christmas project for the Beta Club.

Our program was on supersition and folklore. Those taking part were Suzanne Gills, Ann

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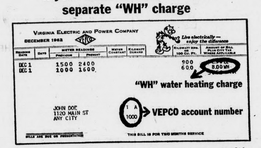

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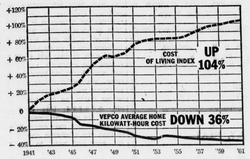

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Two other Appomattox County winners were announced, also. Zac Cheatham's "7 Come 11" and "Cannonball" were winners in the Roadster Division, and K. C. Paulette, also of Evergreen, had a winning horse.

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Herritage Howerton was the original Howerton settler in this area. He married Nancy Hazlewood, of Henrico County, in the year 1791. Soon afterwards he and his young wife rode horseback up the James River to Gault's Mill and settled on the southside of the river in Campbell County in that part which became Appomattox County in 1845.

Mr. Howerton's maternal great-grandfather was John Hunter II. Hunter came to this area in 1758 and established his home on the property now owned by Ernest Smith, of Spout Spring.

This was known as the "Hunter Tavern." Hunter fought as a captain in the French and Indian War, but at the time of the Revolution he was too old to participate as a soldier. However, he rendered service as a patriot to the cause through operating a tavern, by furnishing a great amount of supplies used by the Continental Army, such as feeding the horses for the troops, furnishing diets for the soldiers, etc.

From him descended a large Hunter family living in this area. He was the son of John Hunter I, who married Henrietta Davidson in Scotland and came to America about the year 1730 and established their home in one of the eastern counties of the Virginia Colony.

While here in this area, E. H. Howerton visited his sisters, Mrs. H. H. Caldwell, of Appomattox, and Mrs. Harry Nash, of Campbell County; also other relatives.

"Month Of Story Books" Given At Spout Spring

A play entitled "The Month of Story Books" was presented in observance of American Education and Children's Book Week at the Spout Spring School. These were the characters: "Queen of the Month"—Gloria Mitchell, grade 7; "Mother Goose"—Carolyn Wade, Garde 6, "Mother Goose's Children — (grades 1, 2, & 3) "Announcer" —Roy Cheatham; "Wee Willie Winkie" — Diane Carter; "Mistress Mary"—Patsy McFadden; "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater" —Roger Primm; "A Dillar, a Dollar"—Carolyn Pierce; "Little Miss Muffet" — Judy Morriss; "Georgy Porgy" — Jerry Franklin; "Little Boy Blue" — Clifton Carson; "Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son" — Ferree Carothers; "Little Jack Horner" — Ronnie Jones; "Little Tommy Tucker" —Ronnie Moon; "Jack and Jill"—Kenneth Jamerson and Miriam Ferris; "Bobby Shaftoe" —Bobby Layne; "Tommy Green and Johnny Stout" — Robert Tyree and David Smith; "The Queen of Hearts"—Wanda Coleman; "Humpty, Dumpty"—Patricia Harrison; "Old Mother Hubbard" — Sharon Franklin; "Mary Had a Little Lamb" — Bonnie Johnson; "Simple Simon" — Barry Jones; "Little Bo-Peep" — Delores Torrence; "The Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe" — Mrs. Nell Walton. "Old King Cole"—Warren Mayberry.

Grades: "Fairies" — Sandra Franklin, Kathy Rush, Molly Martin, Bridget Martin, Vonne Va. Carter, Vicky Cordell; "Knights" —Wimer Jones, Wayne Primm, Carson, David Moon, Frank Torrence, David Tyree; "Indian" —Michael Simpson and Peggy Cheatham; "Soldier" — Barry Creasy; Adventure "Pirates" — Richard Floyd and Earl Primm; "Colonial Girl" — Bonnie Creasy; "Biography" — Ronnie Blanks; Aesop" —Roy Cheatham; "Legend" — Ann Mann; "Nature"— Judy Chamberlain; "Little Women" — Vivian Grisham, Dottie Creasy, and Louise Ethridge; Spirits of Poets: Eugene Field's —"Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat" —Gail Jones; James Whitcomb Riley's — "Little Orphan Annie", Peggy Cheatham and "The Ragged Man" — David Compton; Longfellow's — "The Village Blacksmith", Donnie Ferguson; Robert Louis Stevenson's "High Up in a Swing," Alberta Primm; Rachel Field's—"Roads" Margie Megginson;

"Alice and Phoebe Carey's Hymm, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought, Nancy Smith; Joyce Kilmer's "Trees", Carolyn Mann. Song Leader — Nancy Tyree; Pianist, Nancy Smith.

Storybook Characters Seen At Spout Spring

Shown above are a group of the many story book characters who stepped out from their books to be a part of the Spout Spring Elementary School program, the MONTHS OF STORY BOOKS during their November P-TA Meeting. Almost the entire pupil enrollment took part in playing to a capacity crowd of parents and patrons of the school.

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Not Enough Snow

Nov. 25th's snowfall, though very pretty to some, was not sufficient to win a "snowfall" of cash for some lucky "predictor". A local contest will bring somebody $100 cash for guessing the day when a measureable snowfall falls in Farmville. It was sufficient snow, however, to coat the top of an Appomattox sawdust pile, making it look almost as winterlike as a snowtopped mountain.

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